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3. Under this ſtrong Alteration ſhe continued till the Beginning of *February* enſuing, when by little and little ſhe felt a ſenſible Decay of her whole Body, which daily increaſing, prevailed at length upon all the Organs of Life and Motion; ſo that in appearance ſhe lay void of either, whereupon ſhe was concluded to be really dead.

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5. But returning, they found the ſame Warmth to continue; then they left her in this manner one whole day, yet could find no alteration: whereupon they applyed a Looking-glaſs to her Mouth, but not the leaſt Cloud appear'd: they put live Coals to her feet, which diſcovered not the leaſt ſign of Life or Senſe.

6. Notwithſtanding her Mother (it being ſo ordered by Providence) was very timorous, which made her delay her Burial, and kept her uncoffin'd till ſev'n days were expired, at the end of which time, her heat which before was ſo languid and obſcure, that it could ſcarcely be diſcerned, began (like ſome ſparks of fire raked up in Embers) to glow, and more manifeſtly diſcover it ſelf.

7. Upon which, Rubbings and other artificial Helps were uſed, which did not prove ineffectual; for, in a ſhort time, they found a trembling Vibration of the Pulſe, afterwards ſhe began to breath, and ſo at laſt gradually recovered all her Senſes. The firſt thing that ſhe ſpake of, was That ſhe deſired to ſee her Mother, who coming to her, ſhe thus uttered her mind:

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*The Maids Speech when ſhe came out of her Trance.*

8. O Mother! Since I was abſent from you, I have been in Heaven, an Angel went before me to conduct me thither; I paſſed through three ſeveral Gates, and at length I came to Heaven Gate, where I ſaw things very glorious and unutterable, as Saints, Angels, and the like, in glorious Apparel; and heard Unparalleid Muſick, Divine Anthems and Hallelu-jahs.

9. I would fain have entred that glorious place, but the Angel that went before me, withſtood me, yet I thought myſelf half in: but he told me, I could not be admitted now, but I muſt go back, and take leave of my Friends, and after ſome ſhort time, I ſhould be admitted.

10. So he brought me hither again, and is now ſtanding at the Beds-feet; Mother! You muſt needs ſee him, he is all in white. Her Mother told her, It was but a Dream or Fancy, and that ſhe knew not what ſhe ſaid: whereupon ſhe anſwered with a great deal of Vehemency, That it was as true, as that ſhe was there at preſent: She took notice alſo of ſeveral perſons in the Room by their Names, to ſhew ſhe did not dream, but ſpoke with Underſtanding.

11. But for the greater Confirmation, ſhe told them of Three or Four Perſons that were dead, ſince ſhe was deprived of her Senſes, and named each Perſon; (one of them was dead, and they knew not of it before they ſent to enquire:) ſhe ſaid, ſhe ſaw them paſſing by her while ſhe ſtood at the Gate.

12. One whom ſhe named was reputed a Vicious Perſon, came as far as the Gate, but was ſent back again another way. All the Perſons ſhe named, dyed in the time ſhe lay in this Trance.

13. She lived about two Years after this, enjoying a perfect Health, and then dyed in great Aſſurance of her Salvation; ſpeaking comfortable Words, and giving wholeſom Inſtructions to all who came to viſit her. It is worthy Obſervation, that during the whole time of her firſt Sickneſs, which was about a quarter of a yer, ſhe neither eat nor drank any thing, beſides the juyce of an Orange and the yolk of an Egge.

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*'Tis then neceſſary all Perſons be kept 48 hours before burial, leſt they ſhould be buried alive.*

*London*, Printed by *T. Dawks* in *Black-fryers*, who was as deſirous to be ſatisfied in the truth of this Relation as any Reader can be, and was ſo before he did dare to publiſh it. *&c. Reader*, be pleaſed to be advertiſed that from the ſaid *T. Dawks* may be had (1) the Pictures of the 3 prime Diſcoverers, *Otes*, *Bedloe* and *Dugdale*, with Verſes declaring their Reaſons for diſcovering this damnable Popiſh PLOT: (2) *Godfreys* Murder made Viſible, in a large ſheet, with a Copper plate, in colors or plain, being an Ornament for all Proteſtant Families. (3) A Chronology of the Growth of *Popery*, ſhewing when, and who brough Superſtition in. (4) The Riſe, Diſcovery and Demonſtration of the PLOT in 52 Copper Figures, with a Book to explain them. (5) Alſo *Salmon's* Univerſal Diſpenſatory a Compañion not only for the chieſeſt Phyſicians of *Europe*, but for the moſt ingenuous Ladies and Gentlewomen, furniſhing them with the Nature & Virtues of Roots, Herbs, Plants, Flowers; the Phyſical uſe of Inſects, Animals & their parts; Preſerves, diſtillations; &c. (6) His *Horæ Mathematicæ*, being a new Method of Calculating Nativities, Brief and Admirable for Verity; which certainly will become, when known, the practicableſt Book on that Subject in the whole Univerſe (6) His *Synop. Medicinæ*, with 21 Copper plates, will certainly be puliſhed, this *Trinity*-Term 1680. Theſe things have oft been inquir'd for, and ſent for into moſt Counties, but are deny'd by ill humord men, as if there were no ſuch Books, when they may always be had there for Chapmen.

Reader, *Beware of a Cheat, for This true Original Relation, from the Doctor, the Maids own brother, is Ap'd & ridiculouſly counterfeited in a little trivial penny Book: be not abuſed with that which invades Propriety.*